

**MINUTES OF THE
SOMERS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Somers County Water and Sewer District was held on January 9, 2019 at the Somers Museum.

President Ruth Hellen called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.. Present were Mark Manning, Karen Rhodes and Bob Foley. Don Peters was absent and excused. Andy Loudermilk, Manager/Operator and Shari Johnson, Engineer were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Mark moved. Karen second.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2018 meeting.

All Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. KEN DALEY—request water credit due to leak at meter pit. Ken attended prior to the meeting. Rita explained that she had credited the sewer portion of the bill due to the leak being outside and did not go through the sewer. Ken then left prior to the start of the meeting.

B. RULES AND REGULATIONS—correction of language. The finance committee for bank signatories currently states that the President, Vice-President and Bookkeeper are to sign all checks and make decisions on investing. Currently this committee consists of Ruth Hellen, Don Peters and Rita Graham.

Ruth stated that she would like to change the committee to include the President, Bookkeeper, Board Member and General Manager.

Karen moved. Mark second.

RESOLVED that the finance committee would consist of the President, Bookkeeper, Board Member and General Manager. All bank signatories (including but not limited to, Whitefish Credit Union, Three Rivers Bank and First Interstate Bank should be changed to include this resolution.

All Aye.

The Plant Investment Fee for water and sewer was discussed. Currently the plant investment fees are calculated according to the Cost of Construction divided by number of EDU's as stated in the Rules. Ruth stated that every 2 years the Board of Directors should recalculate the PIF in order to include the value of the updates to the system. It was agreed that the PIF language in the Rules and Regulations will stay as is at this time. All agreed that the Board should recalculate every 2 years.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Engineer's Report. Shari reported on Sarah of RATES concerning the Public Hearing and Income Surveys. The date of the meeting will be 1/26/19 with 2 meetings that day one in the afternoon and one in the evening.

Sarah will be sending out the income survey to each property within the district. She will also knock on doors on Monday through Wednesday after the meeting to try to get the most income surveys. Sarah will mail the income statements but we will need to pay the postage.

B. Steamboat Landing Will Serve Letter. Andy, Shari and Rich have been working on a new will serve letter for Steamboat Landing. The plant investment fees will be paid before final plat for Phase 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Shari stated that she had talked with Rich and he had said if we wanted to we could make exceptions. Shari reiterated how important it is to get the new tank built and it would be helpful financially if Steamboat Steams begins their subdivision as soon as they can. She pointed out that by building the water tank without them it could cost the existing customers up to \$20 extra per month. If Steamboat Steams will pay part of the costs through plant investment fees then the existing customers would pay approximately \$10 per month depending on grants and loans.

Ruth asked all Board Members individually if they are interested to give an exception to the plant investment fees in the Rules.

Bob Foley: No.

Mark Manning: No.

Karen Rhodes: No.

Ruth Hellen: No.

Bob moved. Mark second.

RESOLVED to stay with the rules and revise the will serve letter with the correction of wording. After the attorney approves the changes to the language Ruth will e-mail all Board Members to vote (aye or nay) on sticking to the existing rules.

All Aye.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Manager's Report is attached to these minutes.

Andy expects the Midco report will be received in about 6 weeks. Shari will call Jakola to talk to Midco in order to get results sooner.

Andy reported that the new fittings at the new main was not secure and thinks that this is the reason for the bad water tests. Andy has stopped chlorinating and hopefully this was the problem and we can stop chlorinating for good.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A. Financial Statements. Rita presented the financial statements as of December 31, 2018.

B. Bills. The Unpaid Bills report was presented.

Bob moved. Karen second.

RESOLVED to pay the bills as presenting totaling \$12,363.68.

All Aye.

C. Correspondence. None.

D. Delinquents. As per policy we will continue to collect unpaid bills.

Being no further business:

Mark moved. Bob second.

Resolved to adjourn the meeting.

All Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m..

Minutes approved at the February 13, 2019: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary

